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Identical letters dated 22 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the monitoring plan established by Security Council resolution 715 (1991), under which Iraq is required to provide biannual declarations on the sites, equipment and materials which are subject to monitoring. The monitoring regime entered into force in full in August 1994 and has covered 595 sites in the various regions of Iraq. One of the conditions of the regime is that Iraq must provide biannual, quarterly and monthly declarations, and notifications and information on the basis of various criteria established for different purposes, submitted by the sites which are subject to the regime for the monitoring of chemical, biological, nuclear and missile activities. The most important part of the required declarations is the biannual report which is submitted in mid-January and mid-July each year. This declaration includes the name of the site, its owner, its geographical location, its activities, the sources of financing of the site, a description of the equipment and machinery at the site and the materials subject to monitoring, the general activities of the site and site plans. The monitoring teams periodically visit the sites which are subject to monitoring in order to verify the declarations and the activities conducted at the site.

Since the entry into force of the monitoring regime in 1994, Iraq has consistently provided its biannual declarations, but it had to stop sending them when the inspectors left Iraq on 15 December 1998 on the orders of the United States of America, which had threatened Iraq with a wide-ranging United States-United Kingdom attack.

After Iraq decided to renew cooperation with the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), on 16 September 2002, the National Monitoring Directorate resumed the submission of biannual declarations on the activities of the sites which are subject to monitoring. The biannual declarations for the period 1998-2002 were submitted during the technical discussions which the Iraqi delegation conducted in Vienna on 1 October 2002 with Mr. Hans Blix and Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei.

Pursuant to its obligations to provide biannual declarations on the schedule dates, the National Monitoring Directorate, on 14 January 2003, sent to the Baghdad Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Centre Iraq's biannual declarations for the

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period from July 2002 to January 2003, which contain the information requested in relation to the activities of the various sectors, as indicated below.

1. Chemical activities

The number of sites on which declarations have been provided is 128, and the volume of data supplied is 3.07 megabytes.

2. Biological activities

The number of sites on which declarations have been provided is 96, and the volume of data supplied is 60 megabytes.

3. Missile activities

The number of sites on which declarations have been provided is 57, and the volume of data supplied is 17.4 megabytes.

4. Nuclear activities

The number of sites on which declarations have been provided is 176, and the volume of data supplied is 15.6 megabytes.

Thus, Iraq has provided an updated report on the activities which are subject to the monitoring regime, conducted at 457 sites, and the volume of information is 96.29 megabytes on CD-ROMs.

Iraq's provision of these complete and detailed declarations confirms its desire to continue to fulfil its obligations to the letter, in cooperation with UNMOVIC and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), so that it can be verified that Iraq is free from weapons of mass destruction, the first step towards a full settlement of the issue, which includes the lifting of the total embargo imposed on Iraq and respect for Iraq's national security and regional security, including the full disarmament of Israeli weapons of destruction, pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution 687 (1991).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a Security Council document.

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